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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community
SUBJECT : Revision of DCID 1/2 Attachment

1. DCID 1/2, "U.S. Foreign Intelligence Priorities," provides that its Attachment "will be reviewed annually with appropriate participation of members of the intelligence community, and necessary revision issued in January of each year."

2. Initiation of action to review the Attachment for 1976-1980--which became effective 14 April 1975 (2 1/2 months late)--already is overdue.

3. In his memorandum to USIB Principals of 22 November 1974, subject, "Update of DCID 1/2 Attachment," noted that the revision to be approved in ~~each~~ 1975 would essentially be an update of the then existing Attachment "revised as feasible to improve the interface among the KIJs, the DIA Current Near-Term Defense Intelligence Objectives and the CIRIS entries."

4. Paragraph 5 of the 22 November memorandum was as follows:

"5. It has been suggested that a relative value approach be taken to the development of future revisions of the DCID 1/2 Attachment. The short deadline will not permit this for the 1976-1981 Attachment, but after this Attachment has been prepared for USIB consideration, I am requesting that the task group develop a study plan for the application of a relative value approach in preparation of the DCID 1/2 Attachment for 1977-1982, to be published in January 1976. This study plan would be submitted to the USIB for approval prior to its implementation."

(The dates should have been 1976-1980 for the now-existing version and 1977-1981 for the one to be issued in early 1976.)

5. Consideration has been given to development of the "relative value approach" and ideas have been developed, but no formal "study plan" has been devised for USIB consideration.

6. I suggest that it is now too late for such an approach to be taken for the upcoming revision of the Attachment, because obtaining Community approval on a set of relative values applicable to intelligence priorities across the board will undoubtedly be a long and difficult coordination process.

7. Instead, I suggest that the revision of the DCID 1/2 Attachment be an update of the existing document rather than a radical revision using a different approach.

8. I have chaired the three DCID 1/2 Community task forces to date, but in view of the pressures of other activities, I suggest that preparation of the upcoming revision be assigned to either the PD/Plans or MPRRD, so that action can get under way immediately. [redacted] would be my nominee as action officer.

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